



IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

September 15, 2005

For immediate release

- 1. Contracts on EPC September agenda**
- 2. DNR urges livestock producers, manure applicators to be careful, report spills**

CONTRACTS ON EPC SEPTEMBER 19 AGENDA

DES MOINES – Contracts for water quality monitoring, management of solid wastes and training programs are on the Sept. 19 Environmental Protection Commission's agenda.

Commissioners will be asked to approve one contract that will help rural and farm families handle and dispose of solid waste and hazardous chemicals. If approved, the contract will be used by the Prairie Solid Waste Agency to develop an educational program in Union, Jones and Crawford counties which will eventually be used statewide. Funding will be provided through a grant from the Rural Development Division of the USDA

The commission will meet at 10 a.m. at the DNR Air Quality Office, 7900 Hickman Road in Urbandale. Public participation is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. The meeting is open to the public.

The following appointments have been scheduled:

1:30 – Plymouth Dairy Farms, Inc

2:15 – City of Clinton

3:00 – Iowa Regional Utilities Association

In other business, commissioners will be asked to approve updates to the 2006 Drinking Water and Clean Water State Revolving Fund Intended Use Plans. If approved, three projects will be added to the priority list for loan assistance.

The complete agenda follows:

- Approval of Agenda

- Approval of Minutes
- Director's Remarks
- Fiscal Year 2007 Budget Request
- Contract - Solid Waste Alternatives Program - Recommendations
- Contract – Prairie Solid Waste Agency - Hazardous Chemical Management for Rural and Farm Households
- Proposed Rule - Amend Iowa Administrative Code 567-Chapter 101; “Solid Waste Comprehensive Planning Requirements”
- Proposed Rule – Rescind IAC 567—Chapter 211 “Grants for Regional Collection Centers of Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generators and Household Hazardous Wastes”. Adopt both IAC 567—Chapter 211 “Financial Assistance for the Collection of Household Hazardous Materials and Hazardous Waste From Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generators” and IAC 567—Chapter 123 “Regional Collection Centers and Mobile Unit Collection and Consolidation Center” in lieu thereof.
- Proposed Rule – Amendments to Chapter 64 by adding languages to start collecting a fee for wastewater permits
- Contract - One Source CEU Training for Operators of Non-Grade-A Small Public Water Supplies
- Drinking Water and Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund – 2006 Intended Use Plan Second Quarter Updates
- Contract - Iowa State University Extension Service – Manure Applicator Certification Training
- Contract - United States Geological Survey - Stream Monitoring on Big Rivers
- Contract - Center for Health Effects of Environmental Contamination – Groundwater Monitoring at Private Wells
- Contract - United States Geological Survey - Stream Gaging, Groundwater Level Measurements, and Groundwater Quality Monitoring.
- Notice of Termination - Major New Source Review Rules: Chapters 20, 22, 31 and 33
- Proposed Rule - Chapters 20 and 22 (Air Construction Permitting Exemptions)
- Proposed Rule – Chapters 134 & 135 – Third Party Inspections
- Contested Case Decision - Wayne Staab
- Contested Case Decision - Leland Heisdorffer
- Referrals to the Attorney General
 - a) City of Clinton – Wastewater
 - b) Iowa Regional Utilities Association – Wastewater / Water Supply
 - c) Plymouth Dairy Farms, Inc. (Plymouth County) - AFO
- Monthly Reports
- General Discussion
 - a) November 21st EPC Meeting
- Items for next month's meeting
- Upcoming Meetings - October 17, 2005

More information about the agenda items can be found on the DNR Web site under Commissions and Boards at www.iowadnr.com.

The members of the commission are Darrell Hanson, chair, Manchester; Jerry Peckumn, vice chair, Jefferson; Lisa Davis-Cook, secretary, West Des Moines; Francis Thicke, Fairfield; Donna Buell, Spirit Lake; Mary Gail Scott, Cedar Rapids; David Petty, Eldora; Suzanne Morrow, Storm Lake; and Henry Marquard, Muscatine. The director of the DNR is Jeff Vonk.

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DNR URGES LIVESTOCK PRODUCERS, MANURE APPLICATORS TO BE CAREFUL, REPORT SPILLS

SPENCER – The DNR encourages livestock operators and manure applicators to begin manure application as soon as crops are out of the fields.

“Many livestock facilities have overly full storage structures following recent heavy rains,” said Jennifer Christian, an environmental specialist with the Spencer DNR field office. “It’s important to get those levels down before the fall rainy season really starts.”

Bringing the level down protects the integrity of the storage structure, allows for additional manure storage and prevents overtopping.

“We urge manure applicators to follow manure management plans and to report any spills, too,” said Jeff Prier, coordinator of DNR’s manure applicator training program.

Spills can be reported to the DNR 24-hour spill line at (515) 281-8694. The DNR recommends reporting spills as soon as they are discovered but they must be reported to the DNR within six hours.

Prier added that in many cases, early reporting can help applicators or producers stop the spill and reduce the potential for environmental damage.

“We see a lot of accidents and spills, so sometimes our experience will help applicators prevent a spill from going down a tile line or reaching a stream or drainage ditch,” Prier said. “That can make the difference between a successful clean-up and a fish kill.”

Prier and Christian remind applicators that there are state rules that must be followed for manure application, including maintaining separation distances between buildings and protected areas, like streams.

More information can be found on the DNR Web site at www.iowadnr.com/afo/index.

Contact Jeff Prier or Jennifer Christian at the Spencer DNR office, (712) 262-4177, for more information.

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